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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA INITIATIVE

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1. REFTEL RECOUNTS THE USEFUL COOPERATION OF ALGERIAN
AMBASSADOR IN BONN, MOHAMED SAHNOUN, DURING THE MAPUTO
CONFERENCE. AT THAT TIME SAHNOUN INDICATED HIS CONTINUING ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION IN ALGERIA'S WORK ON AFRICAN PROBLEMS. HE ALSO
OFFERED TO DO HIS BEST TO BE HELPFUL TO US WHENEVER
POSSIBLE AND SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO KEEP HIM
GENERALLY INFORMED IN BONN ABOUT THE STATUS OF WESTERN INITIATIVES.

2. WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT SAHNOUN HAD IN MIND IN MAKING THIS
SUGGESTION. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF OUR RECENT EXTENSIVE
EFFORTS TO BRIEF INTERESTED AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ON OUR EFFORTS,
AND MINDFUL OF ALGERIA'S INFLUENCE IN OAU AND NON-ALIGNED
AFFAIRS, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO PICK UP
SAHNOUN'S INVITATION AND EXPLORE THE DEGREE OF HIS INTEREST.

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3. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST, IF THE DEPARTMENT AGREES, THAT
BONN BE INSTRUCTED TO SEEK SAHNOUN OUT FOR AN INITIAL
EXPLORATORY TALK, USUN 1964 (FOR ALGIERS, STATE 142381),
WHICH HAS PROVIDED THE BASIC GUIDANCE FOR OUR BRIEFING OF
AFRICAN STATES, COULD BE USED IN SUCH A CONVERSATION WITH
SAHNOUN. IF HIS INTEREST AND THE POSSIBILITY OF USEFUL
INVOLVEMENT IN OUR EFFORT TO GENERATE CONFIDENCE IN OUR

INITIATIVES AMONG AFRICANS SEEM TO LEAD US FURTHER IN THE
DIALOGUE, WE COULD THEN CONSIDER FURTHER WHAT WE MIGHT
WISH TO TELL HIM.
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